

# @theorchard

## How Do You Get Information?



Few things in our world are changing as quickly as the ways we communicate with each other. Try to remember the world when you graduated from high school.

- For 50-somethings, “email” was a misprint. Term papers were probably handwritten, and research was done in a library or using an encyclopedia —certainly not on the Internet.
- Today’s 40-somethings left high school thinking that www on a printed page was there because of a stuck key on an IBM Selectric typewriter.
- Those in their 30s were unusual if their family owned one large personal computer, and they thought “text” referred to print on a page in a magazine or book.
- The 20-somethings among us shared one family cordless phone and associated “tweet” with the lovely sound of a small bird.

And to our high school students, all of this sounds like ancient history.

No wonder communicating across the generations can be such a challenge.

Yet, communication is a vital function of the church. It connects every generation providing motivation for ministry, news of special prayer needs, information about future events, as well as current opportunities for fellowship and service.

Beyond communicating within our church, we are commissioned by God to connect with people in the community around us, addressing their deepest needs and drawing them to The Orchard, where they can be transformed by the marvelous power of the Gospel.

Our staff is in the process of creating a multigenerational, multicultural “Communication Think Tank” to review The Orchard’s communication tools and plan for more effective in-reach and out-reach. To evaluate and plan, we are turning to you for some feedback about your preferences and our present practices.

We need you to answer the question, “How do you get your information?” This will take very little time. If you receive our weekly “At a Glance” email, please respond by following the link we’ll be sending you this month. If you do not receive the email, you may complete this sheet and return it to your campus information desk. (Please complete only one survey.)

Your participation will help us plan for communication that is effective, efficient, and wise, all with the goal of seeing the Gospel run through the many ministries of The Orchard. Your input is very important to us.

Campus \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to learn about current local, national and international news from: *(please rank 1-6, 1 being the most common)*

- \_\_\_ Newspaper
- \_\_\_ Internet
- \_\_\_ Radio
- \_\_\_ Television
- \_\_\_ Word of Mouth
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to learn about upcoming events at The Orchard from: *(please rank 1-9, 1 being the most valuable)*

- \_\_\_ Weekly “At a Glance” email
- \_\_\_ “Pickin’s at The Orchard” video
- \_\_\_ Monthly @the orchard
- \_\_\_ Weekly Worship Folder
- \_\_\_ “Bulletin Board”
- \_\_\_ The Website
- \_\_\_ Ministry emails
- \_\_\_ Word of Mouth
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# Missionary Focus

## Amy Ravenscroft

Japan/TEAM



Amy has served in Japan since 1980. Through her ministry she desires to reach Japanese women with the Gospel. Amy works most often on a team with

other church planters to reach people for Christ. Currently Amy is working with another couple and together they will be starting a new church in the area where she lives. Already people have shown an interest in being part of the church. Their intent is to start a worship service and Bible study, meeting once a month in a local community hall. Amy also has a weekly Bible study in her home for women in the area.

- PRAISE for 45 non-believers who recently enjoyed a concert and heard the Gospel told through the Christmas story.
- PRAY for the beginning stages of starting a new church group in Amy's neighborhood.

## Jon & Meta Nelson

Spain/EFCA ReachGlobal



Jon and Meta are involved in leadership training and development. They work closely with the Federation of Free Evangelical Churches of Spain

and Latin America Training Network (LATN) in Costa Rica. Jon is currently working on a partnership between their own online school (EET) and one of Spain's premier campus-based seminaries. Meta teaches a weekly English class at the local community center.

- PRAY for Meta who is applying for Italian citizenship in February. If she receives this, it will give her greater freedom of movement and work in Europe.
- PRAY for Jon to successfully complete two books he is currently writing.
- PRAY for greater unity among the evangelical churches of Zaragoza.
- PRAY that the Evangelical School of Theology will be able to finance a full time director of course development.

## Jason & Deeanne Maas

USA/DiscipleMakers



In 2003 The Maas family joined DiscipleMakers, which is a strategic ministry to college students at Penn State.

DiscipleMakers focuses on evangelism, small group Bible study, and one-on-one discipleship. In October a near record number of students from nine college campus fellowships packed a conference center to hear about the freedom of the Gospel. One student said, "I feel like I'm seeing the world through new eyes. Everything about my life is different now." Deeanne also writes, "The recent Penn State scandal has increased opportunities to share the Gospel on campus."

- PRAY that doors to share the Gospel remain open as a result of this crisis.
- PRAY for our children, Isaac, Esther & Seth, that they will continue to soak up learning about who God is as they share their love for God with their friends.
- PRAISE for your friendship, encouragement and support of our family and ministry.

# Military Focus

## James Day (Leslie & 2 sons) – Air Force – Korea

Please pray for James, whose initial tour in Korea is for 10 weeks but may be extended to a year. Pray that Leslie will be able to handle the home front with their two young sons and to lean on Jesus. *(Son of Gary & Linda Hrivnak)*

## Adam Netzel (Kara) – Air Force – Texas

The Netzels moved from Florida to Texas last month, where Adam will be cross-training for six months. Pray that God would go before them and guide them to a church and fellowship with other believers. Pray also that Kara will adjust well and stay healthy. *(Son of Robin and Becky Netzel)*

Please take time to pray for military personnel that serve our country all over the world and especially in Afghanistan. Pray they will have the opportunity to share the hope of Christ in very hostile and dangerous environments. Pray that they themselves will stay focused on Jesus as they struggle with the realities of war and devastating loss of lives.



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